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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS **ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003, the period for response having been extended to November 30, 2003, by a Request for an Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment, remarks and the attached Rule 132 Declaration.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 11 of this paper.

The Interview Summary begins on page 12 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.